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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Logistic Service Division

SUBJECT : Need for New Situation Room

25X1A8a 1. The proposed Situation Room will provide secure facilities for the analysis and visual display of a wide range of intelligence materials and operational data used by the Joint Operations Intelligence Center in support of the [REDACTED] and other DDM components. It is anticipated that the intelligence data collated, plotted, and analyzed in the proposed Situation Room will play an important role in 25X1X4 [REDACTED] planning and in after-action analysis. At times, the Situation Room may also become a combination Operations Planning Room and a Command Center for the hour by hour monitoring of operations in progress.

25X1X4 2. Much of the intelligence data that will be utilized in the Situation Room is available only in the higher and extremely sensitive security classifications or controls; e. g., materials in the SI, T, and KH systems and bearing classifications as high as TS will be used. In addition, since the principal purpose of the Situation Room is to support 25X1X4 [REDACTED] we of course will be deeply involved with sensitive CS operational intelligence and with information on CS [REDACTED]

3. We have a long-established need for both temporary and permanent display of the above-noted intelligence data integrated with information on our own assets and operations.

25X1A8a 4. The various facilities available in the Situation Room -- and the capability to accumulate and have ready access, on a 24-hour basis, to All-Source material -- will significantly enhance the capability of the [REDACTED] to meet assigned responsibilities.

25X1A8a 5. Office space on the first floor recently assigned to [REDACTED] provides ample room to accommodate this long-standing requirement.

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Chief, Support Staff

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